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Jeremiah Chap. 30. Verse 17. For I will restore health
to thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the
LORD, because they called thee an Out-cast,
saying, This is Zion whom no Man seeketh after,

We need not trouble you much who is meant by
Zion here, ye all ken it, it is the poor
Kirk of Scotland, for the Kirk of Scotland is
wounded in her Head, in her Hands, in her Feet,
and in her Heart.

First in her Head in the Government. 2dly.
In her Hands, in the Discipline. 3dly. In her
Heart, as in the Doctrine. 4thly. In her Feet,
as in the Worship.

1stly. The Kirk of Scotland is wounded in her
Head, she has gotten fit a Clash in her Head, as
has gart all her Harns nap, and her Senses, that
is, her Sense of Seeing; for the Kirk of Scotland
wuld a seen as well as any Christian Kirk in the ye
World, but now she cannot distinguish between
whyt and black; For bring but Pepery before
her, and she cannot discern between that and the
true Religion.

Secondly, She is wounded in her Hearing. The
Kirk of Scotland could a Heard and Distinguish-
ed, but sen the Organs were brought in, she has
grown as Deaf as a Door-Nail.

3rdly, The Kirk of Scotland could a smelt
as well as any Kirk in the World, but she kirk

of Rome smelt so strangely, that she could a tell you, she smell'd of the Whore of Babel; But now bring the stinkeneft Pepery to the Kirk of Scotland, and it will smell to her as sweet as an Apple: Now poor Spectacle! ye have seen her Hands, and her bare Legs; A wofull Object pitty her if ye will: What say ye to the Cureing her Senses; but some will tell, she is in as good a Case as ever she was. I'll tell you how sae,

First, The Kirk of Scotland lees better than ever she did before; the Kirk of Scotland has her Ministers in good little short Cloaks, with black Velvet Necks, and their little Cloaks turned mae Sauls to God, nor ever the long Gowns did; but ye shall see the Pryful Prelate harled up and down the Town in Coats, as many muck Carts; that is a bra sight indeed.

Secondly, The Kirk of Scotland Tastes better then ever she did, and how sae? I'll tell you, a good Minister wald a been content of a Dish of plain Milk and Bread, humble Meat indeed; but our Prelats now, will have a Lick of the best of it: So ye see the Kirk of Scotland Tastes better then ever she did, and I have done with her Senses.

Now, I'll tell you, how she is wounded in her Hands, and that I call the Discipline of the Kirk. For,

First, They flichtered the Kirk of Scotland; ye ken well they use to flichter Thieves and Runaways; the Kirk of Scotland was baith.

1st, She was a Runaway, and that was in the Glorious time of Reformation, when she can lear awa fra Rome, and hard did they follow her, and fain wald they been at her, but she

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they had gotten their will, she wald a been sure
of her Ladetties, or to speak more plainly of
her Dichells, but God be thanked they did not
pretake her.

2dly. The Kirk of Scotland is a Theif, alas
she has gane to Rome, and has stown awa the Trash
and Trumpery, as the Books of *Common Prayer*
and *Cannons*, wallawa ! But what trou ye she is
flichterd with, but with a Silken Threed and a
Cannonical Obedience to their Ordinary, and
wow but we have taken great delight to be bound:
We had once a bonny Kirk, but after they got
us fast, they made the silken Threed a Cable-
Tow, with which they girded us so fast that we
could not sae much as fidge, but either we must
run into the Danger of blind Obedience on the
one side, to accept of all Idolatry and Supersti-
tious Cerimonies they imposed on us, or on the
the other hand, be Mensworn Men ; Na, the
Kirk of Scotland is sae wounded in her *Hands*,
that thir Twenty Years bygane, she could not
make her Hummock in a cald day, for the Kirk
of Scotland thir Twenty Years bygane, could
not have a Meeting in a Lawfull Assembly; and so I
have done with her *Hands* : Now I come to
tell you how, how she is wounded in her *Feet*; and
that I call the Worship of the Kirk of Scotland.

The Kirk of Scotland was a bonny trotting
Naig, but then she trotted sae hard, that never
a Man durst rid her, but the Bishops, wha after
they gat on on her Back, Coris-langed her and
Hapshackled her, and when she became a bonny
pacing Beast, they took great pleasure to Ride
on her, but their Cadging her up and down from
Edinburgh to *London*, and it may be from *Rome*

too, gave her sik a het Coat, that we have the
 Twelve Months bygane been stirring her up
 down to keep her faae foundying; Yea, they
 made not only a Horse but an Ais of the Kirk
 Scotland: How sae quo ye? what mean ye
 this? I'll tell you how, they made *Balaam* Ais
 of her, ye ken well enough, *Balaam* was got
 an unluckie gait, and first the Angel met
 in a broad way, and then the Ais bogled
 startled, but *Balaam* got by the Angel, and
 her and Battard her sufficiently, that was wha
 Episcopacy came in, and then they gave
 Kirk of Scotland her Parks; Afterward *Balaam*
 met the Angel in a strait gait, and then she flin-
 led more then before; but *Balaam* till her
 gain and whaked her foundly, that was wha
 the five Articles of *Perth* were brought in
 The third time the Angel met *Balaam* in
 strait a gait, that the Ais could not win by
 and then it pleased the LORD to open blind
Balaams Eyes, and that is this happy days work
 Now GOD has opened all our Eyes, we were
 like blind *Balaam*, ganging an unluckie gait
 and Riding post to *Rome*, and what was gotten
 behind him upon the Ais, wat ye? I'll tell you
 there was a Pockmanty; And what was in
 trou ye? but the Book of Cannons and of Com-
 mon Prayer, and the High Commission; But as
 soon as the Ais sees the Angel, she falls a flin-
 ing and a plunging, and oregangs the Pockmanty,
 and it hings by the string on the one side, and
 aff-gaes blind *Balaam*, and he hings by the
 Hough on the other side; and fain wald the
 Carle been on the Saddle again, and been con-
 tent to leave his Pockmanty. But Beloved, let
 not

not the false Swingour get on again, for if he get
on again he will be sure to get on his Bookman-
ry all.

The 1st Wound the Kirk of Scotland got was
in her Heart, and that I told you was the Doctr-
ine of the Kirk of Scotland, and that is *Peperis*
and *Ariminifor*, whilk is sae ryse in our Schoole
and Kirke; ney, are there not some of you that
are sitting here and hears me, wha wald not a
wisht your selves a Hundred times to a been out
of the Kirk, when ye heard the *Peperie Stuff* that
came frae them. Ye have heard many times
Brethren (Compared together) the Kirk and
our Lord Jesus, for he is the Head, and the Kirk
is the Body, and that our Saviour ere he enter-
ed the Ministry he was carryed by *Lucifer* (God
save us) to the Wilderness where he was Temp-
red of the *Adelike Devil*, then he was Rejected
and let light of by all; But as soon as he began
to work his Miracles, he was carried up to
Jerusalem in Triumph, there was nothing in their
Mouths then, but *Hosanna's*, *Blessed is he that comes*
in the Name of the Lord, but the next News that
they heard, in they came with *Halberis* and
Tarbard Stalves frae the High Priest to appre-
hendhim; just sae is it with the Poor Kirk of Scot-
land, for this yeat bygain she has sitten Desolate
and in the Wilderness cotemned, nothing cared
for by man, and now is the Glorious Day, she
is Rydding in Triumph to *Jerusalem*, now there
is nothing in all Mouths but *Hosanna's*, but take
heed when they come with *Swords* and *Stalves* frae
the Hight Priest, that some do not with *Peter*
shaw a pair of Heels and forsake her.

They have not only made an *Ass* of the Kirk

of

62 62 of Scotland but they have betrayed her, ye
wha betrayed our Saviour, they betrayed
that were silent in sae good a Cause, they be-
trayed him that accused him, that Judged him
they betrayed him that forlook him; but wha
will ye find the false Judas all the while?
now I'll tell you a Tale, I dar not say it is true
but ye shall have it as I have it; When I was
little Boy at the School, there was a Hop-
Theologue, wha is now na small Man in
Land, and being to Preach the very same Word
of Judas, *What will ye give me and I will betray*
him? The young Man Learned his Text sae well
that he could a tald it baith in *Latine* and *Scot*
Quid mihi dabitur & ego Tradam illum? wha
ye give me and I will betray him? There was
Good-man Sirring at the Foot of the Pulpit,
standing up looking in his Face, said, *Marie*
give you a good Fat Bishoprick, and then I
sure ye will betray him; say ye sae; Wha
Betrayed the Kirk of Scotland? I need not
say to you, but the Kirk of Scotland was once an
Bonnie Kirk and a *Bonnie Gramar School*, and well
wat, she had Skill in *Regimen & Concordance*
and could a made a peice of *Bonnie Latine*,
for every thing she was forced to *da Regula*
and when she offended she was sure of *pa-*
Manum; But afterwards when she went to
College she had mair Liberty, and first of
all she began to *Rhetorick*, but instead of prop-
er speaking she Learned nothing but *Hyperboles* and
Allegories, then she came into the *Logick*, and
instead of true *Demonstrations* she Learned nothing
but *Homonymies* and *Captious Sylogisms*, after-
wards she came to *Ethicks*, but she did no
troub

trouble her self meikle with them, but Studied
the *Politicks*, and that shee well, that she turned
all Religion into *Meer flat Policy*; for *Metaphy-*
sicks she kens they are *Ens*; and that must be
unum, verum, bonum, and that all these three must
be in true Religious, but this was too high a
Theme for her, wherefore she studied more the
Physicks and turned all into *Materia prima*, and
made it self Capable of any Form they pleated
to Impose upon us.

After he had done with Sermon and Prayer,
then stood he up to give the Blessing, and there-
after said as follows.

*I ken well enough it is not the Fashion of this place to
Speak any thing after Prayer, but because I had
meikle to say, and one thing dang another out
of my head; wherefore I must beg Leave to add
a Word or two.*

AND first of all, I will speak to you who are
the Members of the *College of Justice*, and
why I pray you, will not ye Subscribe the Co-
venant? ye will say to me, ye are Employed by
His Majesty in some special Affairs, and you cannot
with your Honour Subscribe the Covenant;
This is a bra Answer indeed; there is not the
Meaneft Man that gathers up Twenty Merks for
the King *per Annum*, but may have this Hole to
go out at, then we shall have a bra Subscriving,
yea, yea, there is but one Man between God
and you, get by that Man, and get to God.

And in the second place, Why do not ye No-
blemen Subscribe the Covenant? ye will say *noli
me tangere*, Howsoever I'll give you a Touch,
It may be you will be put to it, ye will say,
we must Ride in Parliament Order, the mean-
est

all must go forward, and subscribe the
 Covenant, and then we will come after, that
 bra Answer indeed, you have a Fashion in
 South part of Scotland, that when ye come to
 Forth, the Jackman must venture over first
 upon his weak weary Naig, and if he can get
 come back again, then up comes the
 mounted on his stately Steed and over goes
 this is no Right. But we that are *Highlanders*
 have a better Fashion, for we usually come
 Foot, and when we come to the Forth we
 loth to leave a Man, therefore we join Ours
 to Ours, and Arm to Arm, and Legs
 together in the Forth, and if one Drown all Drown
 even to here, set your Hands to the Covenant
 and if it perish, let all perish.

Now, I'll speak a word to you of the
 Town of Edinburgh; and albeit I see two
 your Coffer Cheyres empty, yet have at you, *Am*
 why do you not subscribe the Covenant? It may
 be you will say, ye are in Office now, they
 the next Year till your Office be out, then
 will subscribe the Covenant; That is a bra An-
 swer indeed, it may be God will get this war
 done ere the next Year: What will you then
 Be then? get your Clerk Register and look over
 your Rolls, and see if ever the Town of Edin-
 burgh suffered for joining with the King's officers.
 Last of all, I have a minute Speak a Word to you who are
 Strangers, and then turning himself about to the place where
 the Provost and Bailies of Aberdeen sat, And what is the
 reason ye subscribe not the Covenant? It may be ye will say,
 we have been about our Civil Affairs, and when we came out were
 directed not to subscribe the Covenant, will you take my Advice,
 I say Aworden men will not take your Word again, and go
 home and drink the Cup of Home-peace, and sit at the Kirk
 of Scotland and subscribe the Covenant, and so farewell.

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and you shall go to the north with
 Vernon, and then we will be sure, that
 his Father indeed, you will be a companion
 of a part of Scotland, that will be some
 from the justice will never ever the
 points weak were long, and the same
 come back again, that we could the
 moved on the other side, and that
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1. The first of these is the fact that the Government has not been able to secure the necessary funds to carry out its policy. This is due to the fact that the Government has not been able to secure the necessary funds to carry out its policy.

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